

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11 with the following paragraph:

-- Still referring to Figs. 1-3 and 8-9, each leaf 12, 14, 16 may further include mirror-image longitudinally extending hook members 30, 32 respectively engageable and retainable with complementary mirror-image longitudinally extending hook members 34, 36 of inner body 18. The top faces 38, 40 of each complementary hook member 34, 36 may be rounded for complementary engagement with internal wall 42 of leaves 12, 14, 16. The bottom faces 44, 46 of each hook member 34, 36 may be machined or otherwise formed for complementary engagement with the surface of leaf shaft retract springs 98, as illustrated in Figs. 18 and 19. Each pair of hook members 34, 36 define longitudinally extending walls of a longitudinally extending channel therebetween: Thrusting means 19, 20, 21 may each comprise tubes which receive air pressure therein in a well-known manner to respectively expand and force leaves 12, 14, 16 radially outwardly with respect to body 18. The thrusting means 19, 20, 21 are operatively disposed in the longitudinally extending channels formed between the hook members 34, 36. As shown in FIG. 1, each leaf 12, 14, 16 may include a predetermined gap 52 between each adjacent leaf when coupled to inner body 18 for permitting uniform expansion and contraction thereof relative to inner body 18. --